

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S 12-YEAR-OLD SABINE RIVERA ADVOCATES FOR MORE DIABETES RESEARCH FUNDING

HON. FRANCIS ROONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Mr. ROONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sabine Rivera, a 12-year-old from Southwest Florida who is doing important work to advocate for more diabetes research funding. She and more than 100 other children have traveled to Washington with the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation to ask that members of Congress renew the special diabetes program.

Sabine has type 1 diabetes and relies on insulin in her day-to-day life. As the price of insulin continues to rise drastically, some Americans are being forced to ration their doses, which is dangerous and potentially deadly. Last summer, Sabine's family was paying \$450 a month for insulin.

This is why Sabine advocates for herself and other diabetes patients. She is working hard to convince legislators to fund more diabetes research and to hopefully find a cure. In 30 years, more than 5 million Americans are expected to have type 1 diabetes, so decreasing the cost of insulin and working to find a cure is an important issue for a growing portion of America's citizens.

I am grateful for Sabine and her passion to fight for diabetes patients across the nation. I am proud to have her as a member of our Southwest Florida community and look forward to her bright future.

MEDICAL WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

HON. KIM SCHRIER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHRIER. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Medical Women's International Association (MWIA), one of the oldest international professional organizations, representing women doctors worldwide.

In 1919 New York City, American physician, Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy, along with international colleagues from 16 nations, founded MWIA and became its first President. Over the century, MWIA has grown to encompass over 80 countries as either national associations, like the American Medical Women's Association, or as individual members.

One hundred years ago, there were very few women in the medical field. Organizations like MWIA provided support for women in medicine and more importantly provided a community for them to share medical knowledge as well as promote collegiality around the world. At the time of MWIA's founding, a major challenge for women was the accessibility of medical education. Fortunately, this obstacle has been overcome in many nations. The sacrifice of these earlier trailblazing doctors helped pave the way for future ones like me.

Yet the number of women in senior leadership positions shows that the work of MWIA is

far from over. By investing in women physicians, MWIA provides the network and support system to mentor and advocate for future leaders in the medical field. In addition, MWIA works to improve the health of women worldwide, advocating for gender specific healthcare, promoting equity, and addressing social determinants of health.

Congratulations again to the MWIA for their 100 years of important work. Their tireless work to open doors for women in medicine has improved the health of generations of women, men and children around the world, and for that, we all are grateful.

IN HONOR OF GARRY BRYDGES

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to Garry Brydges, PhD, DNP, MBA, ACNP-BC, CRNA, FAAN. Dr. Brydges will soon complete his year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). I am proud that Dr. Brydges was elected as the 2018–2019 president of this prestigious national organization.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are advanced practice registered nurses who administer approximately 43 million anesthetics to patients each year. They work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered including hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and specialty surgeons. They also provide acute and chronic pain management services to patients in need of such care. CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and are the sole anesthesia providers in many rural hospitals.

As a CRNA for over 15 years, Dr. Brydges has contributed greatly to the healthcare community in the Houston area and nationwide. Having served in many capacities on professional associations, including on boards of directors at the state and national levels, Dr. Brydges has long been active in nurse anesthesia. He is a former president of the Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists and has had extensive success in leading large organizations through healthcare policy development, strategic planning, evidence-based practice, outcome research, and education. In addition, Dr. Brydges has mentored students across all nursing disciplines through professional development and clinical nursing excellence.

Dr. Brydges earned his executive Master of Business Administration degree from Texas Women's University in Houston. He earned his Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Texas Christian College in Fort Worth, Texas. In addition, he graduated with a Master of Nursing in nurse anesthesia, and a Master of Nursing in Acute Care Nurse Practitioner from the University of Texas at Houston.

During his AANA presidency, Dr. Brydges has been a prominent advocate for the patients and practice of nurse anesthesia before federal agencies and members of Congress. He has worked tirelessly to promote anesthesia patient safety and the value of CRNAs to our healthcare system, especially when it

comes to dealing with chronic pain and the opioid crisis. Dr. Brydges has worked to have CRNAs recognized as Full Practice Providers in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), to maintain provider non-discrimination, and to achieve full scope of practice for CRNAs, including chronic pain management and related services in the Medicare system.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Dr. Brydges today on a job well done. His service to the AANA and to his patients, and his commitment to safe, quality anesthesia care nationwide, are highly commendable. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Brydges' notable career and outstanding achievements.

COMMEMORATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON, ILLINOIS

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the sesquicentennial celebration of the founding of the Village of Brighton, Illinois.

In 1826, Brighton's first settlers came to the area and built a cabin, with the first post office opening up nine years later. One hundred and fifty years ago, in 1869, the Village of Brighton was incorporated.

Today, Brighton boasts a population of more than 2,300 residents and spans both Macoupin and Jersey Counties.

I am proud to represent Brighton and the many people who make it a wonderful place to live.

Congratulations to Mayor Roberts and the people of Brighton on celebrating 150 years.

HONORING MS. BJ WHITE-OLSON

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2019

Ms. WEXTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, Ms. BJ White-Olson, who is retiring from the Department of the Navy after more than 46 years of faithful civilian service to our nation, culminating as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Management and Budget (DASN (M&B)) for the past 10 years.

As a senior advisor, she reported to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research Development and Acquisition) (ASN (RD&A)), whose significant responsibilities include development and acquisition of Navy & Marine Corps platforms and weapon systems. ASN (RD&A) is the Service Acquisition Executive for Navy and Marine Corps, which includes responsibility of procuring all Ships, Submarines, Aircraft and Weapon Systems, exceeding \$100B in contracts annually and necessitating testimony before our Defense Authorization and Appropriation Oversight Committees, and maintaining close relationships with fellow Members of Congress and Professional Staff Members.